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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-156a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [Each] Not later than October 1, 2013, each constituent unit of the
4 state system of higher education and each independent [college or
5 university] institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-37,
6 as amended by this act, shall submit [a plan described in this section to
7 the Department of Higher Education by January 1, 2009] an up-to-date
8 security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency Services and
9 Public Protection. Such plan shall identify procedures specifically
10 designed to heighten awareness by all faculty and staff regarding
11 potentially at-risk students and other individuals on campus through
12 effective educational strategies. Such procedures shall be designed to
13 educate faculty and staff on how to recognize and respond to students
14 and such other individuals who may be at risk of harm to themselves
15 or others. Not later than July 1, 2015, and biennially thereafter, each

16 constituent unit and independent institution of higher education shall
17 review the security protocol plan with each of its chiefs of police or
18 heads of campus security to determine whether such plan adequately
19 addresses campus security concerns or requires revisions. In the event
20 that revisions are required, the constituent unit or independent
21 institution of higher education making revisions shall submit a revised
22 security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency Services and
23 Public Protection not later than August first of the year in which
24 revisions are deemed necessary.

25 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, each constituent unit and
26 independent institution of higher education shall establish a trained
27 threat assessment team for each of its campuses. The threat assessment
28 team shall consist of individuals selected by the president of each state
29 college, regional community-technical college or independent
30 institution of higher education in consultation with its chief of police or
31 head of campus security and include not less than one member of its
32 special police force or campus security personnel, administration,
33 faculty, senior and mid-level staff, and student government. The chief
34 of police or head of campus security at each state college, regional
35 community-technical college and independent institution of higher
36 education shall be responsible for ensuring that every member of the
37 treat assessment team (1) is capable of executing the security protocol
38 plan developed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, and
39 (2) receives comprehensive training in identifying potentially at-risk
40 students, other potentially at-risk individuals on campus and any
41 other potential threats to campus safety.

42 Sec. 2. Section 10a-142 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

44 (a) There are established special police forces for The University of
45 Connecticut at Storrs and its several campuses, The University of
46 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Central Connecticut State
47 University in New Britain, Southern Connecticut State University in

48 New Haven, Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic and
49 Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. The members of
50 each special police force shall have the same duties, responsibilities
51 and authority under sections 7-281, 14-8, 54-1f and 54-33a and title 53a
52 as members of a duly organized local police department. The
53 jurisdiction of said special police forces shall extend to the
54 geographical limits of the property owned or under the control of the
55 above institutions, and to property occupied by The University of
56 Connecticut in the town of Mansfield, except as provided in subsection
57 (b) of section 7-277a.

58 (b) Members of said special police forces shall continue to be state
59 employees and, except as provided in subdivision (e) of this section,
60 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and parts III and IV of
61 this chapter. The provisions of part V of chapter 104 and section 7-433c
62 shall not apply to such members.

63 (c) Said special police forces shall have access to, and use of, the
64 Connecticut on-line law enforcement communications teleprocessing
65 system without charge.

66 (d) The chief executive officer of any institution listed in subsection
67 (a) of this section which maintains a special police force may enter into
68 an agreement with one or more of said other institutions which
69 maintain a special police force to furnish or receive police assistance
70 under the same conditions and terms specified in subsection (a) of
71 section 7-277a.

72 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 67, the Board of
73 Regents for Higher Education shall determine (A) the preliminary
74 requirements, including educational qualifications, for members of the
75 special police forces for the state colleges, and (B) the timeline for
76 filling any vacancies on any of such special police forces, including, but
77 not limited to, when an examination for a vacant position shall occur
78 and how soon after the examination is conducted shall an appointment

79 to a vacant position be made or, in the event an examination for a
80 vacant position is unnecessary due to a sufficient candidate list
81 provided in accordance with section 5-215a, when an appointment of a
82 candidate from such candidate list shall be made.

83 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 67, the Board of
84 Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall determine (A) the
85 preliminary requirements including educational qualifications, for
86 members of the special police force for The University of Connecticut,
87 and (B) the timeline for filling any vacancies on such police force,
88 including, but not limited to, when an examination for a vacant
89 position shall occur and how soon after the examination is conducted
90 shall an appointment to a vacant position be made or, in the event an
91 examination for a vacant position is unnecessary due to a sufficient
92 candidate list provided in accordance with section 5-215a, when an
93 appointment of a candidate from such candidate list shall be made.

94 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Board of Regents for Higher
95 Education, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Services
96 and Public Protection, shall evaluate the effectiveness of establishing a
97 special police force for each regional community-technical college and
98 replacing campus security personnel at each regional community-
99 technical college with the special police force. Not later than January 1,
100 2014, the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall
101 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
102 statutes, on such evaluation to the joint standing committee of the
103 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
104 education.

105 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes described in
106 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
107 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
108 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
109 the aggregate ____ dollars.

110 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
111 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by (1) the
112 Board of Regents for Higher Education for the purpose of providing
113 grants-in-aid to the constituent units identified in subdivisions (2) to
114 (4), inclusive, of section 10a-1 of the general statutes, or (2) the Board of
115 Trustees of The University of Connecticut for the purpose of providing
116 grants-in-aid to The University of Connecticut, for any campus safety
117 or security upgrades deemed essential after a safety and security audit
118 performed or required by the Department of Emergency Services and
119 Public Protection in accordance with section 5 of this act.

120 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
121 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
122 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
123 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
124 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
125 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
126 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
127 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
128 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
129 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
130 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
131 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
132 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
133 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
134 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
135 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
136 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
137 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
138 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
139 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
140 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
141 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
142 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become

143 due.

144 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2014, the
145 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall conduct
146 or require a safety and security audit of every campus of the
147 constituent units identified in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of
148 section 10a-1 of the general statutes, to determine the safety and
149 security characteristics of each campus and any building or structure
150 located thereon. Such security audit shall be conducted in cooperation
151 with the Board of Regents for Higher Education or, for a safety and
152 security audit of any campus of The University of Connecticut, with
153 the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut.

154 (b) Any recommendations for safety or security upgrades in any
155 such safety and security audit shall be based on the audit's findings
156 and, at a minimum, shall enable the constituent unit to successfully
157 implement its security protocol plan developed in accordance with
158 section 10a-156a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

159 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of ____ dollars is
160 appropriated to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
161 Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
162 2014, for performing or contracting with a third party to perform
163 safety and security audits of every campus of each constituent unit
164 identified in subdivisions (1) to (4) of section 10a-1 of the general
165 statutes in accordance with section 5 of this act.

166 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 10a-37 of the general statutes is
167 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
168 *passage*):

169 (d) An ["independent college or university"] "independent institution
170 of higher education": (1) Is a nonprofit institution established in this
171 state; (2) has degree-granting authority in this state; (3) has its home
172 campus located in this state; (4) is not included in the Connecticut
173 system of public higher education; and (5) is an institution whose

174 primary function is not the preparation of students for religious
175 vocation;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-156a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10a-142
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	10a-37(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the safety and security of Connecticut's colleges and universities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]